



STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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BRANDON BEACH ELECTED TO STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

N. Fulton Chamber President to Fill Vacant 6th Congressional District Seat

ATLANTA – Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Brandon Beach was unanimously elected Thursday to the State Transportation Board of Georgia by a caucus of state representatives and senators from the 6th Congressional District. Beach replaces former Board member Garland Pinholster of Ball Ground, who resigned in June.

Beach, an Alpharetta resident, is Executive Director of the North Fulton Community Improvement District and a member of the Board of Trustees of Encore Park, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and the Grady Hospital Board of Visitors. Beach is a graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute in 2003. He is a former member of the Alpharetta City Council and the Alpharetta Planning and Zoning Commission.



*Newly elected State Transportation
Board Member Brandon Beach*

Beach was the National Sales Manager at Quaker State for 12 years and also opened a restaurant. He received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and an MBA from Centenary College.

“I just want to let you all know that I will work for you,” Beach told the 6th District caucus. “I’m looking forward to my first Board meeting and getting acclimated to everything.”

The new board member was nominated by House Speaker Pro Tem Mark Burkhalter, who praised Beach for his community service. He said Beach, who was the only candidate nominated, “understands business, transportation and constituency service.”

Beach will finish the remainder of Pinholster's term on the Board. Beach will take his seat immediately; the term ends in April 2009.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the State Transportation Board. Its 13 members, representing each of the state's Congressional Districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered.

Board members are elected by the State Representatives and Senators whose state districts fall within the Congressional District, whether it's all of their district or just a portion.

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